

# Bush Prairie News

October 2015

Our mission, as the Bush Prairie Homeowners Association, is to enhance the value and desirability of all real property within the association and promote the health, safety and welfare of our residents, while fostering a friendly and neighborly community.

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## BPHA ANNUAL MEETING

7-9 p.m., November 8, 2015

East Olympia Fire District #6 Headquarters

8047 Normandy Street SE

Olympia, WA 98501

## TUMWATER ANNEXATION UPDATE

ATTENTION: The City of Tumwater is holding a public meeting on October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Tumwater City Chambers. This meeting will discuss the capital budget, which will include the future development of the Trails End Arena area ("City Maintenance / Park" area). Please come if you are able in order to make Bush Prairie's voice heard!

The Tumwater City Council on October 6, 2015 passed an ordinance making January 1, 2016 the effective date of the annexation of Bush Prairie and other neighborhoods to become a part of the City of Tumwater. As of this writing, an issue between Tumwater and Thurston County over who will collect the fees for building permits and related expenses has been resolved. Nonfinancial details of the transfer of permitting, including subdivisions or plat approvals are being worked out. Our taxes are expected to rise slightly but we can expect to receive improved police and fire service. Bush Prairie Homeowners Association will retain control and responsibility for the community properties that we currently have. David Ginther of the Tumwater Planning Department has assumed the lead role for annexation planning and implementation. Cooperation between city fire department and Fire District #6 will continue and there will be no noticeable change. Bush Prairie owners will not be required to hook up to a sewer system. Planning for the Trails End Stable property is still very preliminary—long-term thoughts are for a Public Works shops on a portion of this property. Other ideas include a Park-n-Ride area with bus service, a community meeting room for the neighborhoods in the area, and a public park on the remainder of the area. It is hoped that Bush Prairie residents will be actively involved in the planning for this area. To date, a very cordial and cooperative relationship has surrounded the coming annexation and we should strive to maintain this spirit. Submitted by Frank Hensley, Annexation Liaison for BPHA

## BPHA BOARD ELECTIONS

Do you want to be active in keeping Bush Prairie a great place to live? Do you want to be up on the latest happenings? Consider being a board member. Election is for three board positions. Call Terry Kirkpatrick, Secretary, to be on Nomination Slate.

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## EASTER EGG HUNT & JUNE GARAGE SALE

The Easter Egg Hunt and the June Garage Sale were the two Neighborhood events for this year. About one hundred people attended the Egg Hunt. The Garage Sale had about twenty-two homes participating on the Saturday. Large signs were placed at the two neighborhood entrances and several websites, including Craig's List and Facebook were used to advertise. Thanks very much to Karina Murphy-Daniels for spearheading these two events.

## HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

The holiday season will be here soon! Now is the time to plan and prepare your lights and other décor to adorn your house and/or yard. We will be looking through Bush Prairie to select the home with the best decorations of the season sometime between December 9 to 24. Prize is a \$50 gift card to a local business.

## COVENANTS

**Parking & Storing Vehicles.** A reminder that boats, RVs and trailers need to be parked so they are screened from public view except for **clearly temporary parking**. These need to be parked on driveways or hardstand, not lawns. **Article VI, Section 9**

**Political Signs.** Political campaign signs are permitted, but must be removed within seven (7) days after an election. **Article VI, Section 3.**

**Open Fires.** No open fire will be permitted on any lot except for barbecue facilities. **Article VI, Section 14.**

## ENFORCEMENT OF COVENANTS

The Board has been working on the issue of compliance with BPHA covenants for a long time and placed emphasis on it again in the last eighteen months. An enforcement policy and fine schedule has been drafted and will be an item for discussion and vote at the annual meeting. Come to the meeting if you have input and want to be involved.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers are what make things happen in Bush Prairie. This year some of our faithful volunteers have moved out of the neighborhood or have not been able to help for other reasons. We REALLY need people to step up and give us a bit of your time. Already we have had to cancel the annual picnic twice in the last three years. We are looking for people to help with the Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic for 2016. If you think you can help please call Elena Guinn, 360 956-3860 or contact a board member. Thank you in advance!**

